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Dear Mr. Breitenbach,

I have only had limited time to study the volumes of the Calfed draft report. I think there should be more time and more public presentations to help the public understand a very complex proposal. At present I am overwhelmingly against any of the three options. I do not see sufficient safeguards to the environment to even consider any of the three. It feels like this project is being rushed through and ultimately it will be defeated without more public understanding and/or confidence.

My opposition is primarily based on the lack of certainty that the steps offered to restore the Bay ecosystem will be in place and successful before the construction of reservoirs and a peripheral canal. The draft document does not adequately address the matter of fresh water releases, the certainty of a program for water exchanges, for fishery and Bay marsh restoration. Without adequate fresh water releases bay salt marshes will become further degraded as the plants require certain levels of winter fresh water flushing for seeds to germinate.

There is little consideration for drinking water quality for Bay Area residents or enforced water conservation for the entire state. Perhaps with effective conservation, additional storage will not be necessary. Until programs that address these issues are not only in place but are deemed successes, additional storage and further diversion should not even be considered. No storage or transfer projects should even be discussed without a concomitant discussion of financial allocations. There should certainly be a no facility alternative or one that sets all the other programs up well in advance.

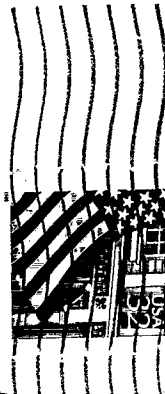
For all of these reasons, I strongly suggest more public discussion and a further fleshing out of the plan that includes staging and certain pieces in place before the next stage gets underway.

Sincerely,

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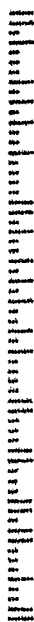
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